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Some Authentick

WRITES and RECORDS

From the Year 1567, to the Year 1572.

For Eſtabliſhing King JAMES *the Sixth his Authority, and ſecuring the Government as then eſtabliſhed by Law; With ſome Notes relating to theſe Writes, and the Subſcribers of them.*

THE Bond which is now publiſhed, was entered into by the Regent and many of the Nobility, Barons and Commiſſioners for Burghs, upon the Queens Demiſſion in favours of her Son the Prince. By the Tenor it appears to have been begun immediatly after the Queen's Demiſſion, which was upon the twenty fourth of *July* 1567. being for inaugurating the King, and puting the Crown Royal upon his Head. It bears Date at *Edinburgh*, and was ſigned by Regent *Murray* upon the 22 of *Auguſt* thereafter when he rerurned from *France*, and accepted of the Government; And ſince that time, by the other Subſcribers in their reſpective Shires before the Meeting of the Parliament, holden by the Regent upon the 15 of *December* that ſame year.

The Subſcriptions of ſo many Papiſts as well as Proteſtants, are full Evidences that the ſettlement of the Crown upon King *James* the Sixth, was an Act acceptable to the whole Nation, and alſo agreeable to the Laws.

The authentick Paper from which the Bond and Subſcriptions are taken, is to be ſeen in the Library of the Colledge of

Glaſgow: So that if any Doubt ariſe, it may be cleared from the Principal Write (for ſome of the Subſcriptions are contracted, ill written, and a little defaced.) It conſiſteth of three Sheets written upon Parchment, and ſewed together; It was lately purchaſed to that Colledge, by the care of a Learned *Scottiſh* Antiquary Mr. *William Dunlop* late Principal there, and might have lyen long in the Dark, if it had not been brought to Light by that ingenious and induſtrious Gentleman. It hath ſince been very courteouſly communicat by the worthy and deſerving Mr. *John Stirling* preſent Principal in that Colledge.

The Bond probably hath been firſt ſubſcribed upon the twenty fifth of *July* the year foreſaid at *Edinburgh*, for there is to be ſeen in the Records of Privy Council *apud Edinburgh* 25 *July*, *Anno Domini* 1567 (upon the Margin is in great Letters (preſenting of the Queens Majeſties Commiſſion) The whilk Day, in preſence of the Lords of Secret Councill and others of the Nobility, Prelates, Barons and Commiſſioners of Burghs conveened within the Tolbooth of *Edinburgh*, compeared *Patrick* Lord *Lindſay* of *Byres*, and preſentit the Commiſſion under-written ſubſcribed by the Queen's Majeſtie our Soveraign Lady, and under hir Privy Seal, deſiring the ſame to be openly read) And afterwards upon a Narrative of her own Mortality, and the Inconveniencies that might befall her Son from his Subjects, ſhe demits in his favours. And there is a Commiſſion to *Patrick* Lord *Lindſay* of the *Byres*, and *William* Lord *Ruthven*, and to ilk one of them conjunctly and ſeverally, to compear before the Nobility, Clergy, Burgeſſes, and other People of the Realm as ſhall happen to be aſſembled to that effect in the Burgh of *Stirling*, or any other place or places where it ſhall be thought moſt convenient at any day or days; And then there is upon the Margin *ſecundo Band*, and in the Body, the Bond is ſet down word for word as in the Original. There is alſo in the ſame Records an Act at *Stirling* upon the 29 day of *July* the year foreſaid. The whilk day within the Paroch Kirk of *Stirling*, conveened the Noble and Mighty Lords under-written, *viz.* (who are many of theſe ſubſcribing the other original Bond, and

and will ſerve to give Light to the Deſignations and Quality of the Subſcribers of the Bond. In this Act many perſons are deſigned by the Burghs they repreſent, and a general Clauſe added [and divers others of the Nobility, Spirituality, Commiſſars of Burghs and Barons] The Act bears preſenting of the ſaid Demiſſion in preſence of the King, and of the Lords and Nobility, *&c.* and received by the Earls of *Mortoun*, *Athole*, *Glencairn*, *Mar*, *Monteith*, Maſter of *Grahame*, Lord *Home* and Biſhop of *Orknay*, in name of the three Eſtates in favours of the Prince; and the Coronation Oath taken by the Earl of *Mortoun* in name of the Prince, who was anoinced by *Adam* Biſhop of *Orknay*, and delivering in his Hand the Sword and Scepter, and puting the Crown Royal upon his Head, and giving their Oaths for due and lawful Homage and Obedience, Sir *John Ballenden* Juſtice clerk in name of the Eſtates, *John Knox* Miniſter, and *Robert Campbel* of *Kinzeancleugh* askit Inſtruments.

Follows the Tenor of the Bond, with ſome Notes upon the Names of the Subſcribers, with an account of the Succeſſors of ſome of them; I have placed them as near to the Order of their ſubſcribing in the written Copy as I could, but found it was not eaſie to do it in Print, and have given my conjectures upon ſome of the Names that are not ſo eaſie to be read.

WE quhilks has ſubſcrivit the underwritten Bond, underſtanding that the Queenis Majeſty willing nathing mair earneſtlie, nor that in her Lifetime her Majeſties dear Son, our native Prince, be placit and inaugurat in the Kingdom of this his native Cuntre and Realm, and be obeyit as King be us and uthers his Subjects, and being wearit of the great Pains and Travels taken be her in her Government thereof, hes be her Letters demittit and renderit, and given power thairby to demit and renunce the ſaid Government of this Realm, Liegis and Subjects thairof, in favours of her ſaid Son our native Prince: To the effect he may be Inaugurat thairin, the Crown Royal put upon his Head, and be obeyit in all things as King and native Prince thairof, as her Hieneſs Letters paſt thairupon bears. Thairfore and

Becauſe it is ane of the maiſt happy things that can come to any Pepill or Cuntre to be governit and rulit by their awn nas tive King; We and ilk ane of us, quhilk hes ſubſcrivit thir preſents, be the Tenor heirof, promitties, binds and obliſſis us, faithfully to convene and aſſembil our ſelfs at the Burgh of *Sterling*, or any uther place to be appointit, to the effect foreſaid, and thair concur, aſſiſt and fortify our ſaid native King and Prince, to the eſtabliſhing, planting and placing of him in his Kingdom, and putting of the Crown Royal thairof upon his Head, and in the Fear of our God being inſtructit and teichit be his and all other Laws, ſall gif our Aith of Fidelity and Homage, and lawful and dutiful Obedience to be made by us to him during his graces Lifetime, as it becomes faithful criſtian and true Subjects to do to thair native King and Prince. And farther, that we ſall with all our Strength and Forcis promote, concur, fortifie and aſſiſt to the promoteing and eſtabliſhing of him in his Kingdom and Government, as becumis faithful and true Subjects to do to thair Prince, and to reſiſt all ſick as wald oppon them thairto, or make any Trouble or Impediment to him thairin, and ſall do all uther things that becomis faithful and criſtian Subjects to do to thair native King and Prince. In witneſs of the quhilk thing we haif ſubſcrivit thir preſents with our Handis at *Edinburgh* the day of the Zear of God 1567 years.

a James Regent
b Huntle
c Archbald Argyle
d Athol
e Mortoun
f Mar
g Glencairn
h Errol
i Buchan
k Graham
l Alexander Lord Home
m William Lord Ruthven
n Lord Sanquhar
o Ihon Lord Glamis
p Patrick Lord Lindſey
q Michael Lord Carlile with my Hand at the Pen Alexander Hay Notarius
r William Lord Borthwick
ſ Lord Innermaith
s Uchcltrie
t Simpill

w Henry

w Henry Lord Methven
x Allan Lord Cathcart
Patrick Lord Gray
y Robert Com. of Dumfermling
z James Stewart
aa Alexander Com. of Culroſs
bb Adam Com. of Cambuskeneth
cc Dryburgh
dd Mr. of Montroſe
ee Alexander Biſhop of Galoway
ff Caprington
gg Blairquhan
hh Tullibarden Comptroller
ii Mochrum
kk William Maitland
ll J. Ballanden
* Sir James Balfour
mm Craigmiller
oo Buccleugh Knight
Walter Ker of Ceſsfurd
pp James Lord Roſs
qq Ihon Wiſhart
rr Drumlanrig
ſſ Bargany
tt Ihon Scrimſour
uu Ihon Erskine
ww George Stratoun
xx James M'gil
yy James Haliburtoun
zz Ihon Cranſtoun
aaa James Dalrumpyll of Staor
bbb Ihon Malvaill of Rayth
ccc Quhittingam
ddd Ihon Fowlartoun
eee Thomas Scott
fff Thomas Diſhingtoun
ggg James Meldrum
hhh Arthor Forbes
iii Gilbert Ogilvie of that Ilk
Finlator
kkk Thomas Kenedy
mmm Georgius Tours
nnn James Hamilton of Kincavel
ooo William Wauchop
ppp Thomas Ker of Farniherſt
qqq Thomas Maul of Panmure
* James Cuningham
rrr Garlys
sss Thomas Makdouall
www Ihanſtoun
vvv Charles Murray of cockpule
xxx Lochinwer
yyy Bomby
Hew Lord Fraſer of Lovat
William Kircaldie younger
Apulgirth
Ihon Scaw of Haly
Walter Ker of Ceſsfurd
David Spens of Woormſtoun
* Cuninghamhead
George Corre of Kelwod
Robert Stuart of Roſſyth
Patrick Houſtoun Knight
- - -
Ihon Lockhart of Barr
Hew Wallas of Carnal
David Dury of that Ilk
Mr. William Lundy
William Cuningham of Craigins
- -
Andro Wod of Largo
- - - -
Alexander of Grange
Alexander

Alexander Guthrie, of that Ilk Flar
David Lindesey of
Thomas Hannyn
Robert Campbell of Kingencleuph
James Sandilands
Ihon Moubray of Barunbougal
Ihon Hume of Coldenknows
Ihon Edmestoun of that Ilk Knight
David Sincler of Blans
William Chyrnside of Estnisbet
Ihon Suyntoun of that Ilk
Ihon Home of Blaketer
George Home of Aitun
Robert Home of
William Bonar of Rossie
William Sinclar of Rosslin
Oliver Sinclair of Quhitkirk
Alexander Hamiltoun of Innerwick
Alexander Fairney of that Ilk with my Hand at the Pen Alexander Hay Notarius

Commissioners for Leith

Mr. Ihon Logan
Patrick Loche

- - -

Patrick Wod of Bonington
Robyn Ker of the Wodhead
Walter Ker of Dolfinstoun

Commissioners of Drumfreis

James Rig Provest of Drumfreis
James Wallace in Drumfreis

- - -

Cardeneh
Thomas Kilpatrick of Aisland with my Hand at the Pen Alexander Hay Notarius
Brochton
John Gordoun Younger of Crechlaw
Robert Murray of Abercardny
William Moncreiff younger
Hew Cathcart of Carltoun
William orthwick of Gordonhall
Hendry Graham

- - -

Ihon Monteith of the Carss
Ihon Lovell with my Hand at the Pen Alexander Hay Notarius
Ihon Sempell
Pittoncrieff
Ihon Penycuk of that Ilk
George Buchanan of that Ilk
* David Pringle
Robert Lason of that Ilk
Alexander Trayl of Torrie

- - -

Robert Scot of Thirlestan with my Hand at the Pen
Ihon Stewart of Craigiehall with my Hand at the Pen
Ihon Noble of Airdoch with my Hand at the Pen
James Forester
William Murray of Touchadam
Ihon Renton of Bellie

Thomas

Thomas Ihonſton Proveſt of Haddingtoun
James Home Belizie
Bernord Choſholm Baillie with my Hand at the Pen Alexander Hay Notarius
Mathew Sinclar of Lanformakus
George Mutrie younger of Sefeld with my Hand at the Pen Alexander Hay Notarius
William Sinclar of Hardminſtoun
Ihon Sidſerf
Nicolas Rutherford of Hundley
Ihon Turnbull of Minto
Ihon Mow of that Ilk with our Hands at the Pen Alexander Hay Notarius
Ihon Hatley
Ihon Rutherford of Hunthill
William Fraſer of Overtoun with our Hands at thePen Alexander Hay Notarius
Ihon of Wymes
Ihon Cuningham of Drumqheſſill
Ihon Blair of that Ilk
Alexander Cuningham of Corſell
George Houm of Spote
Andrew Ker of Fawdunſyd
Gilbert Kenedy of Dalquharan
Melros
Ihon Schaw of Grenock
Ihon Colleſs
* Ihon Wallace of Auchne
Ihon Brysban
Walter Leſly of that Ilk
David Tyri of Drumkilbo
Ihon Somervill of Cambuſnethen
Walter Macawlay of Arincapill
Hendry Foules of Collintoun
James Hariot of Trabroun
George Ramſay of Dalhuſay
* Patrick Mich with my Hand at the Pen Alexander Hay Notarius
David Hum of Waderburn
Patrick Cockburn of Clarkyngton
Alexander Cockburn of that Ilk
Thomas Cer of Merſingtoun
David Edington of that Ilk
David Barclay of Culerny
Robert Ladour of the Baſs
Ihon Cockburn of Ormiſtoun
George Dundaſs of that Ilk
James Cockburn of Lantoun
William Ridpath younger of that Ilk
Thomas Fayſyd of that Ilk
Robert Lyll of Stainpecht
Alexander Dalmahoy of that Ilk
James Ramſay of Cockpen
GeorgeHume of Broxmouth
Peter Hay of Meginſh
Patrick Congiltoun of that Ilk

Hendry

Hendry Hepburn of Fortoun with my Hand at the pen
Alexander Crichtoun of Newhall with my Hand at the Pen Alexander Hay Notarius
William Dowglas of Cavers
Ihon Turnbul of Philiphaw
Closburn
- - - - -
Patrick M'key of Larg
Andrew Ker of Heliden
Gilbert Ker of Prudensydeloch
Thomas Turnbul of Bedrule Knyt
Roger Grierson of Lag
Barnbarroch
Myrton
William Kilpatrick of Kirkmichel with my Hand at the Pen, Alexander Hay Notarius
Alexander Blair younger of Balthyoch
J. Chernis
Ihon Charters of Ammesfield.

Many of the Names are marked with Letters, which relate to the Remarks, and there are some places filled up with Ticks, to denote that the Names in these places could not be read; There are also some Names marked with Stars that are a little dubious.

a E. of *Murray*, *b* D. of *Gordon*, *c* D. of *Argyll*, *d John Stuart* E. of *Athol* Popish at the Baptism of the Prince, *vide* * *Spotswood*, *e* E. of *Mortoun*, *f* E. of *Mar*, *g* E. Al. of *Glencairn*, *h* E. of *Errol*, *i Robert Stuart* E. of *Buchan*, now *Erskine*, *k* perhaps E. of *Monteith*, since *William* E. of *Monteith* is mentioned as present at the Coronation, *l* now E. of *Home*, *m* afterwards E. of *Gaurie Forfau*. *n Edward Crichtoun* now E. of *Dumfries*, *o* now E. of *Strathmore*, *p* now E. *Crafurd*, *q* L. *Carlile* of that Ilk extinct, *r Borthwick* of that Ilk extinct, *s John Stuart*, *Andrew* Lord *Ochltrie*, *Stuarts* both extinct, *t Robert* Lord *Semple*, *w Methvin Stuart* extinct, *u* L. *Cathcart* of that Ilk, *x Pitcairny* Prior of *Inchcolm*, afterwards L. *Down*, married to Regent *Murrays* Daughter and Heiress, for he is designed *James* Commendator of St. *Columbs* Inch in the Act foresaid, *z Culross*, *Colvil*, *aa Areskine*, *bb Dryburgh John Erskine*, *cc* Heir of the Earl in the Act foresaid (the eldest Sons of Earls and Lords being

* *Pag.* 197 *ad annum* 1566.

being at that time designed Masters) *dd Gordon*, *ee Cuninghame* Predecessor to Sir *William Cuninghame* of *Caprintoun*, *ff Kennedy*, *gg Murray*, D. *of Athol*, *hh Dumbar*, *ii* Secretary *Ledingtoun* younger, *kk* of *Auchnoale* Justice-Clerk, *ll* of *Pendrigh* Clerk Register, *mm Scot* Dutchess of *Buccleugh*, *nn Cessfoord* E. of *Roxburgh*, *oo* of that Ilk Papist at the Bapt. vide *Spotſ. *pp* of *Pittaro*, *qq Drumlanrig* D. of *Queensberry*, * *ibidem*
rr Kennedy, *ſſ Conſtable* Viscount of *Dunbop* and E. of *Dundee*, *uu John Erskine* at the Coronation is designed of *Dun* Provost of *Melroſs*, *ww* probably of *Lawriſtoun*, *vv William Cuninghame* younger of *Cuninghamhead*, is mentioned in the Absolvitor of *Liddingtoun* at *Edinburgh* the fourteenth day of *Febr.* 1569. *James* M^cgill before this time and afterwards Clerk Register, Predecessor of Nether *Rankeilor*, *yy James Halyburtoun* designed Provost of *Dundee* at the Coronation, *zz* Predecessor to the Lord *Cranſtoun*, *aaa* Predecessor to the Earl of *Stair*, *bbb* Predecessor to the L. and Earl of *Melvill*, *ccc Whittengem Douglaſs*, *ddd* perhaps *Fullartoun* in the North, *eee Thomas* Scot of *Abbotſhall*, so designed in the Absolvitor of *Lethingtoun*, *fff* of *Ardroſs*, *ggg James Meldrum* designed of *Segie* in the Bond to mentain the Kings Authority, and *James* E. of *Mortoun* Regent, *hhh Arthur Forbes* Brother to the Lord *Forbes*, *iii* probablie Predecessor of the Earl of *Finlator*, *kkk* perhaps *Knockdaw*, *mmm* probably of *Inderleith*, *nnn* Nephew to Mr. *Patrick Hamilton* burnt for the profession of the Protestant Religion, *ooo* probably of *Neitherie*, *ppp* Predecessor to the L. *Jedburgh*, *qqq* Predecessor to the E. of *Panmure*, *rrr* Predecessor to the E. of *Galloway*, *uuu* more probably of *Mackerſtoun* than *Garthland*, having subscribed with the Gentlemen of the South Countrey, and seing *Uchtred M^cdoual* subscrives the Bond to the E. of *Murray*, *www* afterwards L. *Johnſtoun* E. of *Hartfield*, E. and Marques of *Annandale*, *vvv* afterwards Viscount of *Annan* and E. of *Annandale*, *xxx Gordoun* afterwards Viscount of *Kenmuire*, *yyy Macklelland* afterwards Lord *Kirkcudbright*.

Nota, At *Newbottle* the Write is obscure, *Mark Ker* Predecessor

deceſſor to the Lord *Newbottle* E. and Marqueſs of *Lothian* was Commendator thereof.

Nota, After *Iben Noble* of *Ardoch* with my Hand at the Pen, at the joyning there ſeems to be a Name loſt, ſeing the Nottar does not ſubſcrive with any of the three forgoing.

The following Bond was entered into by ſeverals of the Nobility and others, (not mentioned in the former) for maintaining the Authority of the King and his Regent: It is recorded in the Regiſter of the Secret Council, the fifth day of April 1569.

Band to the KING.

US and every ane of us underſcrivand ſall in all time cuming; Likeas, we do preſentlie reverence, acknowledge and recognoſce the maiſt excellent and mighty Prince *James* the Sixt, by the Grace of GOD King of the *Scottis*, our only Soveraine Lord, and his deareſt Uncle *James* Erll of *Murray*, Lord *Abernethie* Regent to his Hieneſs his Realm, and Liedges thereof during his Majeſties Minority, his Hieneſs his ſaid Regent and his Majeſties Authority we ſall obſerve and obey, as becumis dutiful Subjectis, our Landis and Livis in the defence and avancement thairof: We ſall beſtow and wair the Skaith, Harm, or ſubverſion of the ſamen. We ſall never knaw nor procure by any meanis direct nor indirect all former Bandis for obedience of any other Authority ſubſcrivit or made by us in any tymes bygaine contrarious or prejudicial to his Hieneſs his ſaid Regent and Authority, we renunce and diſcharge for evir, affirming and ſwearing ſolempnitlie upon our Faiths and Honouris to obſerve and keep this our Declaration and plane profeſſion everie poynt thairof be GOD himſelf, and as we will anſwer

ſwer at his general Judgement, whairin gif we failzie, we are content to be comptit Faithleſs, Falſe, Perjurit and defamit for ever, beſyde the ordinar pain of the Lawis to be execute upon us without favour, as a perpetual Memory of our unnatural Defection and inexcuſable Untruth, in witnes whairof we have ſubſcrivit thir preſents with our Handis as follows at the dayes and tymes particularly under ſpecified.

Huntly
Crafurd
E. of Caſſillis
Sanquhar
Saltoun
of Airly James L. Ogilvie
Laurence Lord Oliphant
John Mr. Forbes
John Grant of Freuchy
John Ogilvie of Innerkello
Archbald Ogilvie of Lauton
Macken- Colin Mackenzie of Kintail
of Kin- Alexander Roſs of Balnagoun
E. of Lauchlen Mcintoſh of Dunachtan
William Campbell Tutor of Ceſnock
John Roſs of Haining
Patrick Congletoun of that Ilk
John Kennedy of Barquhany
James Creichtoun of Carce
James Rait of Halgreen
Hew Kennedy of Girvanmains Knyt
Pat.l Chein of Eſſellmont
Walter Kinaird of Cowbyn
James Innes of Drainy
Walter Urquhart Sheriff of Cromarty
Robert Monro of Foulis
Alexander Southerland of Duffus Lr. Duffus.
John Maitland younger of Auchingaſſel
William Oudney of that Ilk
Alexander Seytoun apperand of Meldrum
Thomas Coupland of Veauch
William Leſlie of Tellefour
John Chyne apperand Heir of Straloch
David Gardin of Leyes
James Gardin
David Gardin of Coniſh
Adam Gordon
Robert Leſlie
Hucheown Roſs of Kilravock
David Graham of Fintry
John Gordon of Carnburrow
Adam Gordon of Craigo
Yv Mackie
John Gordon of Craig of Achindoir
Patrick Leith of Harthill
James Gordon of Creichy

Mr. Duncan Forbes
Walter Barclay of Towie
Michael Frazer of Stanewood
John Carnagie
John Lesslie of that Ilk
Walter Urquhart of Pitfichy
George Gordon of Lessmoir
Robert Turing of Foverine
James Gordon of Methlick
William Chyne of Arnarge
William Sytoun of Meldrum
George Maxwel of New-wark
Alexander Lesly of Wardis
James Ogilvy of Balfour
Uchtred M'doual of Garthland
Andrew M'clerin of Darhey
Mr. George Gordoun
Walter Barr of Ordinhuf

In the Records of the Secret Council is to be found the Names of the following Persons

The Names of the Nobillmen and utheris of the Estaittis conveened at *Perth*, utherwayes namyt St. *Johnstoun*, upon the 28 day of *July* the Zear of God 1569 Zears.

NAMES at the *CONVENTION*

James Erll of Murray Lord Aberneithie regent to our Soveraigne Lord his Realm and Liegies.

Erllis.

James Erll of *Mortoun* Lord of *Dalkeith* Chancellar
George Erll of *Huntlie*, Lord *Gordon* and *Badzenoch*
John Erll of *Atholl* Lord of *Balvany*
David Erll of *Crafurd* Lord *Lindsay*
John Erll of *Marr* Lord *Erskine*
Gilbert Erll of *Cassillis* Lord *Kennedie*
Alexander Erll of *Glencarn* Lord of *Kilmauris*
Robert Erll of *Buchan* Lord of *Glendowaquby*
William Erll of *Monteith*

William

William Maſter *Marſhall* Son to the Erll of *Marſhall*
John Maſter of *Grahame* Nepot and Heir to the Erll of *Montrois.*

Biſhopis.

Robert Biſhop of *Caithnes*
Adam B. of *Orknay*
Alexander B. of *Galloway*
Alexander B. of *Brechin*
John B. of the *Ilis.*

Abbotis and *Priors.*

Rob. Commendatare of Dumfermling
John Commendatare of Balmerynoch
John Commendatare of Coldinghame
Alexander Commendatare of Culroſs
Walter Abbot of Kinloſs
Robert Commendatare of Quhiterne
James Commendatare of Pittinweeme
John Prior of Portmook.

Lordis.

Alexander Lord Hume
Patrick Lo. Lindſay of Byris
William Lord Ruthven
Lourance Lord Oliphant
John Lord Glamis
Patrick Lord Gray
James Lord Ogilvy
Rob. Lord Sempill
John Lord Innermeyth
Andrew Lord Stewart of Uchiltre
Hew Lord Frazer of Lovette
Rob. Lord Maxwell * *Popiſh*
William Lord Borthwick
Allane Lord Cathcart
Henrie Lord Methven
Henrie Maſter of Sinclair
Patrick Maſter of Drummond

Ordinar-

Ordinar-Officiaris.

Rob. Commendatare of Saint Marie Ile Thesaurer
Sir William Murray of Tullibardin Knyt Comptroller
William Maitland of Lethingtoun zoungar Secretar
Mr. James Makgill of Rankeilar nyther Clerk-Register
Sir John Bellendin of Auchnoule Knyt Justice Clerk
Mr. John Spens of Condy
Rob. Chreichtoun of Elioke
Advocatis to our Soveraigne Lord.

Aberdeine.

Thomas Menzies of Pitfoddellis Provost
Mr. Robert Lidilden

Glasgow.

John Stewart of Minto Knyt Provost
James Fleming.

Commissioners for certain of the chief Burrows.

Edinburgh.

James Baroun
Alexander Clark
Alexander Guthrie

Striveling

Striveling.

Alexander Forreſter of Garden Provoſt
Robert Forreſter zoungar
William Maxwell

Perth.

Thomas Monypenny.
Patrick Murray

Dundee.

Mr. James Halieburtoun Provoſt
James Lovell
John Fotheringham
James Scrymger of Bawewthy

Saint Androis

Patrick Lermonth of Derſy Knyt Provoſt
Mr. Martine Geddy

Air.

James Bannatyne

Montrois.

John Erskine of Dun Provoſt,

The above namit Perſonages were preſent at the ſaid Convention, with a great Number of Ancient Baronis, divers Senators of the Colledge of Juſtice, and uthers Lernit Men, Men of gude Reputation.

THere is to be seen in a Collection said to be made by *James Hay* of *Carrubber*, a Copy of an Act of the Secret Council, called Secretray *Ledingtoun* found innocent of the Kings Murder, Father to King *James* the Sixth, At *Edinburgh* the Fourteenth of *February* 1559; There is also in the same Collections an Bond to the Earl of *Mortoun* Regent, to acknowledge the Kings Majesty King *James* the Sixth his Authority, and the E. of *Mortoun* Regent, dated 1572. These are not to be found in the Records of the Secret Council; But the curious Collection of publick Writes belonging to the E of *Mortoun*, having been in the Hands of *Carrubber* his Writer, he hath transcribed severals of them in this Collection, not to be found else where; And because there are several persons of great Quality Subscribers of the Bond to the E. of *Mortoun* not to be found in the others, I have insert the following Names, *Angus* *, *Livingstoun* *2, Lord *Drummond* *3, *Boyd* *4, Lord *Hay* of *Yester* *5.

By the Number and Quality of these Subscribers, as well as from their different Sentiments about Religion (many of them being known Papists) it clearly appears, that the Queens Demission was a Deed as well convenient for her self as for the good of her Son the Prince and Kingdom, and was not procured by the Violence and Artifices of a designing Faction; But was really agreeable to the Sense, and founded upon the Consent of Men of all Perswasions; God in his wise Providence, in order to establish the blessed Reformation, having so far over-ruled the Hearts of many zealous Papists, as to make them concur as Instruments to put the Government of the Nation, and Education of the young King into the hands of the Earl of *Murray* (who was nominat by her Majesty) a Person of rare Abilities, and bright Zeal for Religion, and one, who, notwithstanding of the Opposition of Enemies, and unstedfastness of some unsincere Friends, will always be known in this Nation (as Mr. *Melvill* says) by the fair Character of the Good *Regent*.

* Formerly Minor.
*2 E. of Lithgow.
*3 E. Perth
*4 E. of Kilmarnock
*5 Marquess of Tweddale.

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